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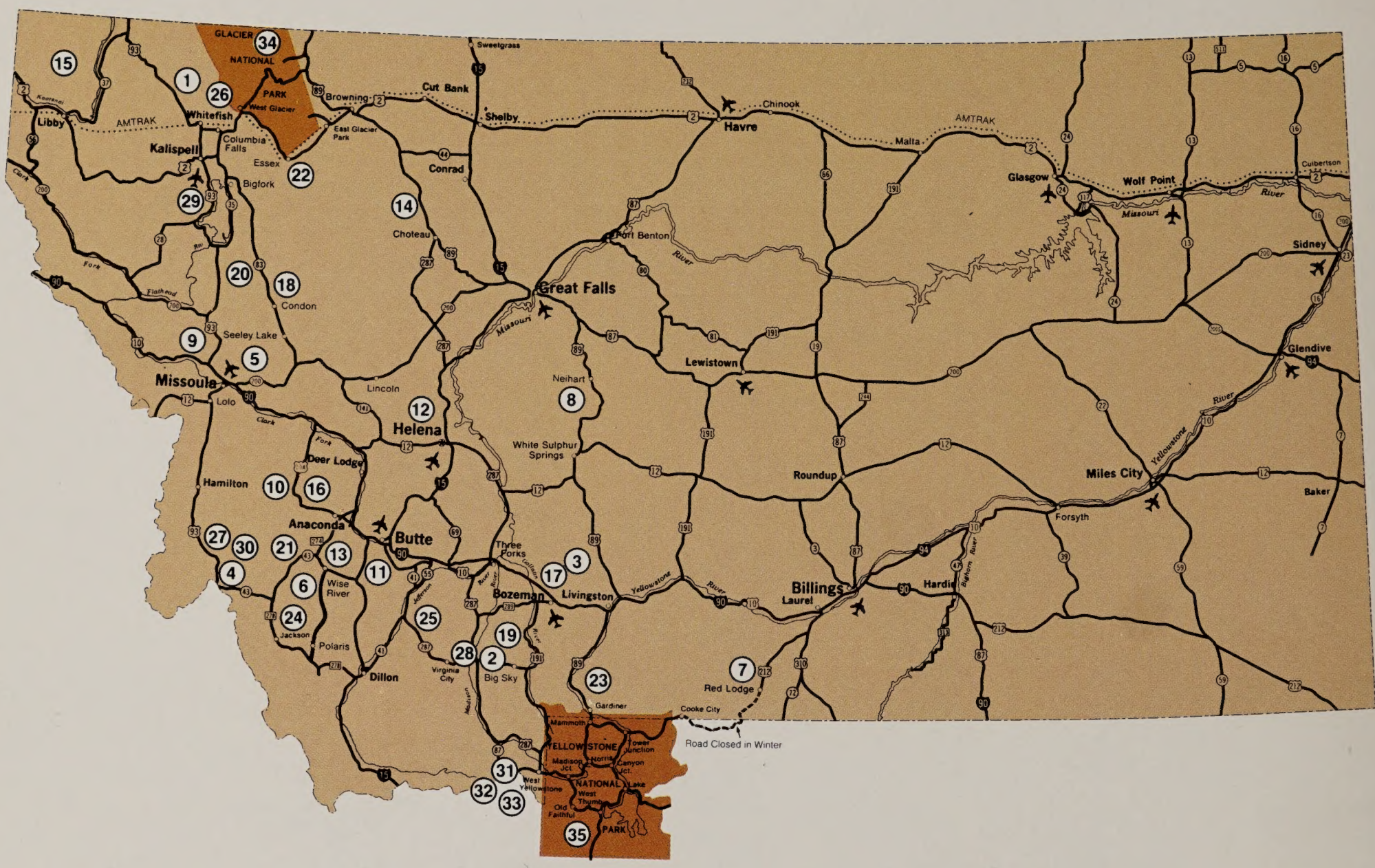

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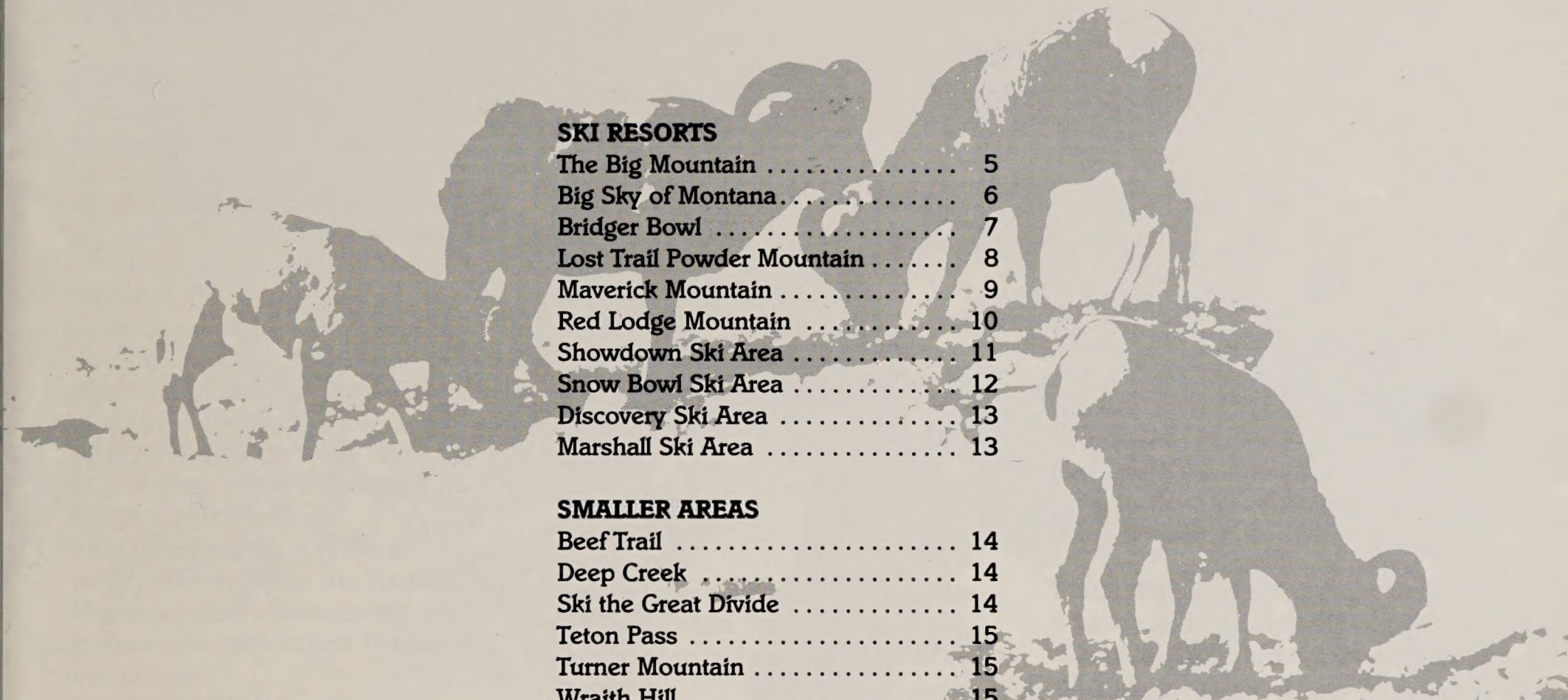

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DOWNHILL SKIING

In Montana, winter is good — and good for you. From Thanksgiving-time through the spring season, Montana keeps its powder dry. And deep.

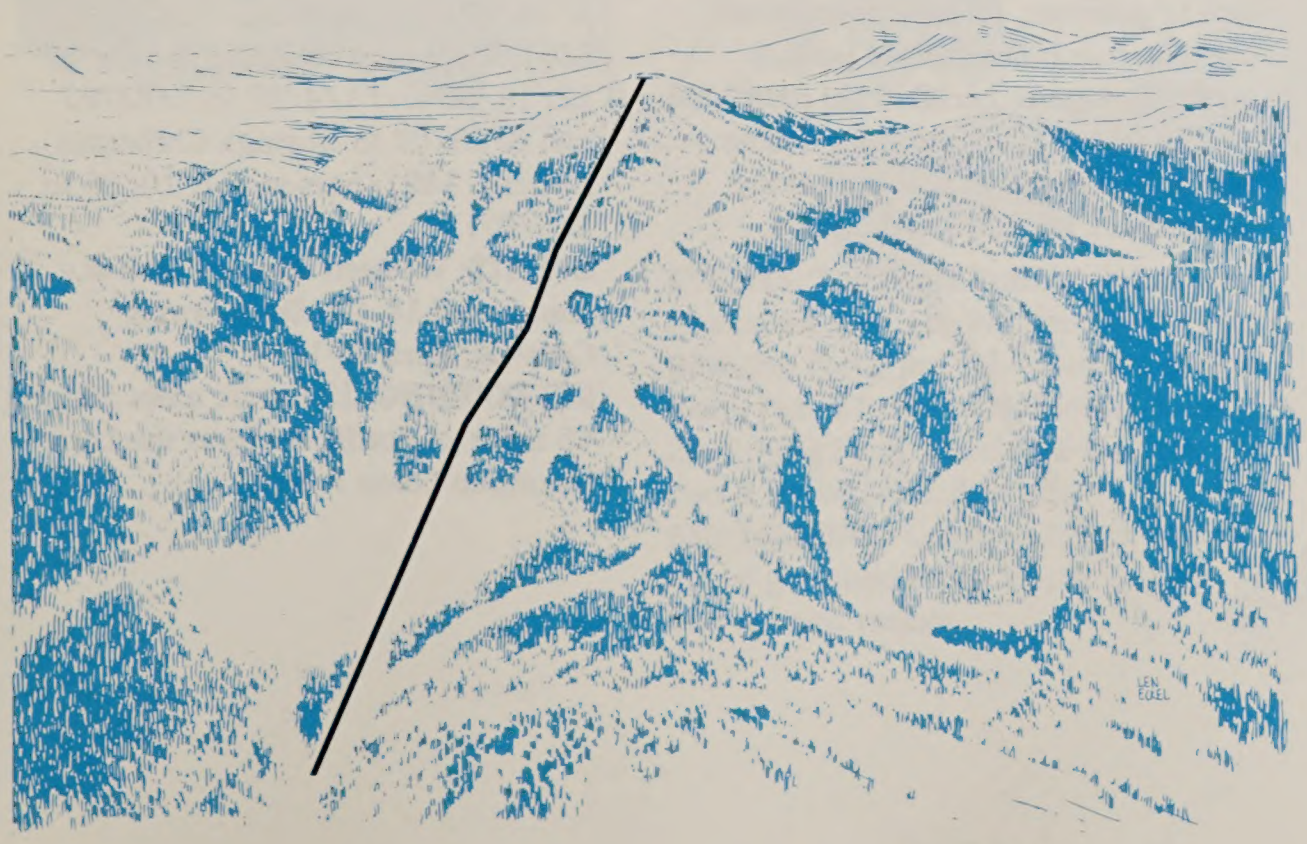
There's every kind of terrain to ski in the Montana Rocky Mountains - long, steep drops to challenge the experts, exhilarating runs to satisfy middle-of-the-roaders, and friendly hills to entice ski fanatics of the future.

The price of all this glory? Surprisingly low in Montana. We've eliminated the big-city crowds, long lift lines, elbows-in-your-ribs syndrome, and replaced it with low-priced air fares and package rates, lots of "only-in-Montana" extras, and the friendliest natives on any side of the mountain!

Try a naturally inviting ski vacation this winter. **Ski Montana!**

THE BIG MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 8 miles north of Whitefish. Glacier International Airport in Kalispell is 25 miles south. Daily AMTRAK service to Whitefish.
AREA INFORMATION: Write The Big Mountain, P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937, or call (406) 862-3511.
SEASON: Thanksgiving through mid-April. Open 7 days, 9:30-4:30, and Tues.-Sat. nights, 4:30-10:00.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 131" at the base; 245" at the summit.
BASE ELEVATION: 4,600 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 7,000 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 2,170 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 43 runs on 35 miles of ski terrain on the Flathead National Forest; 25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% expert. Unlimited tree skiing.
LONGEST RUN: 2.5 miles.
LIFTS: 4 triple chairs, 2 double chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 platter lift.
LIFT CAPACITY: 9,420 skiers per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: $18/adult/day; $15/junior (13-18)/day; $15/senior citizen (over 62)/day; $11/child/day; $8/adult/night. Special group rates available on request. Credit cards accepted.
LESSONS: $23 for two 2-hour lessons, $30 for one 1-hour private lesson, senior citizen, ½ price.
RENTALS: Complete sales & rental shop. Rates $12.50/day adults; children 6 & under, ½ price; senior citizens, ½ price; 3- and 5-day packages available.



FACILITIES: 10 eating establishments, 4 bars, ski shop, rental and repair, ski school, day care, locker rental, photo shop, grocery store, gambling. At the top, Summit House Restaurant, ski shop.
PACKAGES: 2 nights/2 days, from $81-150/person, double occupancy. 4 nights/3 days, from $138.50-280.50/person, double occupancy. Ski Week: 5 nights/5 days, from $197.50-367.50/person, double occupancy, including 5 days lifts. Other packages also available.
EVENTS: Whitefish Winter Carnival, Feb. 6-8; Doug Betters Winter Classic, March 20-22; North American Ski/Yachting Championship, April 7-11.
SKI TOURING: New this year: 5K cross-country ski area just below Village Area. Rentals available.

2 DAY/2 NIGHT PACKAGES FROM $81!

BIG SKY OF MONTANA

LOCATION: 45 miles south of Bozeman, MT airport. Shuttles meet most flights, or rental cars are available. Big Sky is 18 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.
AREA INFORMATION: Write: Big Sky Resort, P.O. Box 1, Big Sky, MT 59716, or call (406) 995-4211 (in Montana) or 1-800-548-4486 (outside Montana).
SEASON: Thanksgiving through mid-April. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: Over 400 inches.
BASE ELEVATION: 7,500 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 9,800 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,800 feet.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced. 55 miles of alpine trails.
LONGEST RUN: 3 miles.
LIFTS: 2 gondolas, 1 triple chair, 3 double chairs, 1 rope tow.
LIFT CAPACITY: 7,400 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: Regular and Christmas Season: $22/day/adult; $10/day/child.

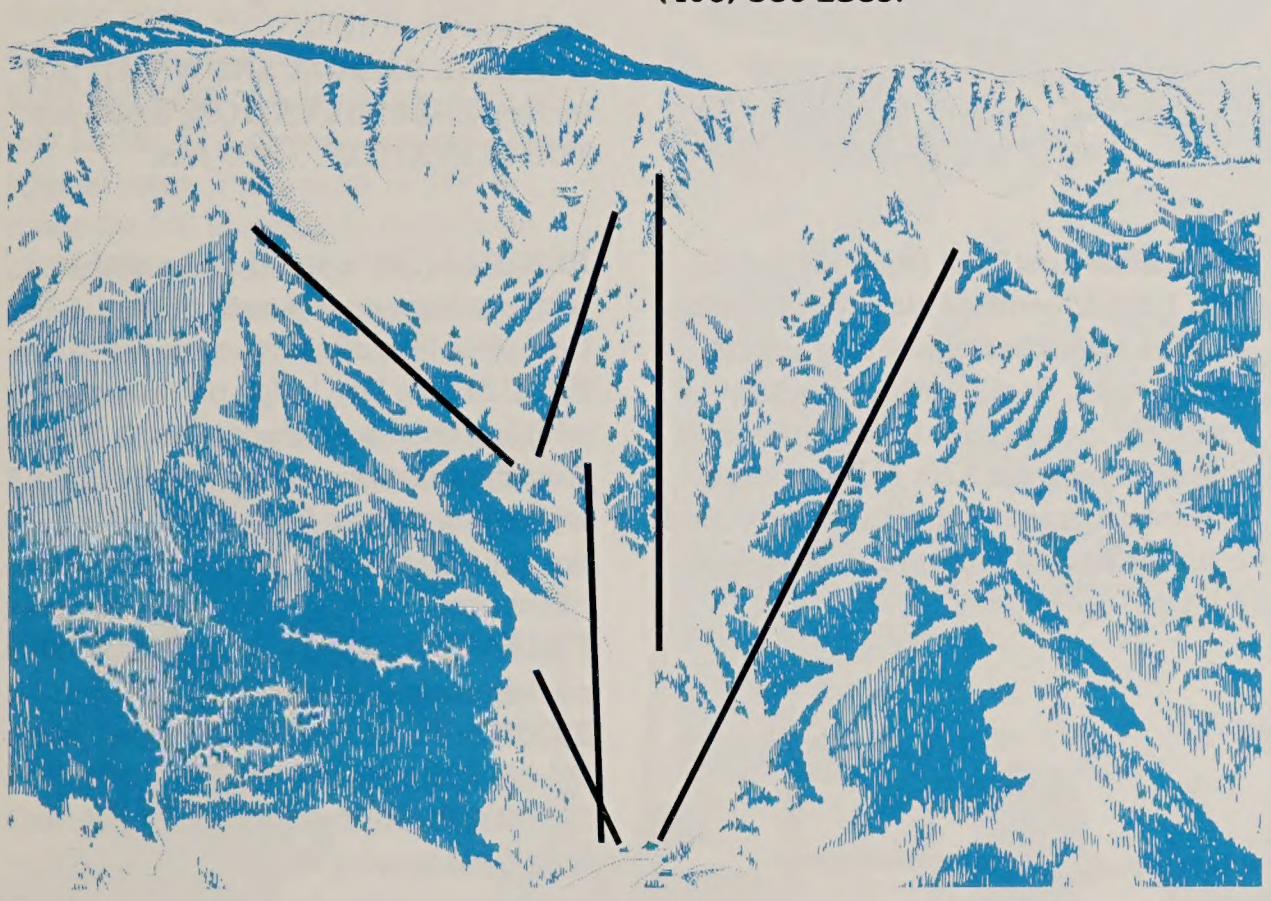
RENTALS: $9-15/day, adults and children. Discounts available for 3 or more consecutive days. Complete sales and rental shops.
LESSONS: $15 for 2-hour group; $30 for 1-hour private. Other rates available for group lessons and rentals.
FACILITIES: Hundreds of condominium units along with the 204-room Huntley Lodge. The Big Sky area has 15 restaurants ranging from deli to gourmet, 11 bars, many with live entertainment, heated pool, jacuzzis, saunas; certified ski patrol, ski school featuring Austrian as well as American instructors, snowmaking equipment, ski sales and rentals.

PACKAGES: ITCATM-BURBS7, 7 nights lodging and 6 days all-area lift ticket. The following rates are quoted for double occupancy, standard room in the Huntley Lodge at the base of the lifts. Six-day consecutive lift tickets include 1 free ski lesson on the first day of skiing. Children under 13 stay free in parents' room; add $56 for 6 day lift pass. Regular Season: $424.50/person (1/24/87 to 3/28/87). Low Season: $361.50/person (opening to 12/19/86 and 1/4/87 to 1/23/87 and 3/29/87 to closing). Christmas Holiday: $491/person (12/20/86 to 1/3/87).
EVENTS: Western Winter Carnival, January 16-18. Oly Days Spring Carnival, April 10-12.
SKI TOURING: 13 nordic trails offering 45 miles of nordic skiing at the Lone Mountain Guest Ranch.

FREE LESSON WITH 6-DAY TICKET!

BRIDGER BOWL

LOCATION: 16 miles (25 minutes) NE of Bozeman on Hwy. 86. On the east side of the Bridger Range. Fly into Bozeman, and take limo, car rental or daily shuttle bus to ski area.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Bridger Bowl Ski Area, 15795 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715. For lodging, call (406) 587-2111 from Montana and Canada; call 1-800-223-9609 from other states. For snow conditions, call (406) 586-2389.



EVENTS: Torchlight Parade and Fireworks, Dec. 26; Bridger Bowl Birthday Party, Jan. 16; Montana Media Race, Feb. 21; Figure 8 Contest, Feb. 22; Spring Fling, March 14-15; Pole, Pad & Pedal Race, April 5.
SKI TOURING: Crosscut Ranch has 20 km of groomed trails, $9 per day for trail fee and rentals.

SEASON: Mid-December to mid-April. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 400 inches.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,200 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 8,200 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,000 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 25% beginner, 45% intermediate and 30% expert. More than 40 runs, with bowls, powder glades, trails and groomed slopes on 2,000 acres in the Gallatin National Forest. Includes 240 acres of groomed runs on 800 acres of terrain readily accessible from the lifts, plus special grooming on the novice slopes.
LONGEST RUN: 2.5 miles.
LIFTS: 5 double chairs, 1 tow, 1 bar.
LIFT CAPACITY: 6,200 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: Adults, $16; children, $7; senior citizens, $10.
LESSONS: Group lessons, $12/hour; private lessons, $22/hour. P.S.I.A. certified instructors.
RENTALS: Complete package for $12/day at the mountain; other facilities available in Bozeman.
FACILITIES: Base day lodge; Deer Park Coffee Haus, mid-mountain; Crosscut Ranch sleeps 45; Bridger Pines Condos; Silver Forest Inn Bed & Breakfast; two full-service restaurants on the mountain; full range of facilities in Bozeman.
PACKAGES: 1) ITCTM:SBB4 — 4 nights/3 days: $130-178. 2) ITCTM:SBB5 — 5 nights/4 days; $154-228. 3) ITCTM:SBB6 — 6 nights/5 days; $185-280. 4) ITCTM:SBB7 — 7 nights/6 days: $212-541. All packages are per person, double occupancy, and include lodging, skiing, one group lesson and half-price movie tickets.

PACKAGES START AT $130/4 NIGHTS!

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 90 miles south of Missoula, 50 miles south of Hamilton, and 46 miles north of Salmon, Idaho. On U.S. 93 at the Montana/Idaho border.
AREA INFORMATION: Write P.O. Box 191, Darby, MT 59829, or call (406) 821-3211.
SEASON: December through May 1. Open Thursday through Sunday and holidays from 10-4.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,600 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 7,800 feet.

VERTICAL DROP: 1,200 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 18 runs and trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 10% beginner, 60% intermediate, 30% advanced. **LONGEST RUN:** 1.5 miles. **LIFTS:** 2 double chairs, 2 rope tows. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 900 skiers per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** All-day adult, $12; half-day adult, $9; all-day child (12 and under), $6; half-day child, $5; rope tow, $3. Children 5 and under ski free.

LESSONS: Lost Trail has a ski patrol and P.S.I.A. certified ski school. Please inquire about individual and special group rates. Beginner Introductory Program includes rental, lift ticket and 1-hour lesson for $20. A 7-week ski school program begins in January, and a Junior Racing Program is held April 11-12.

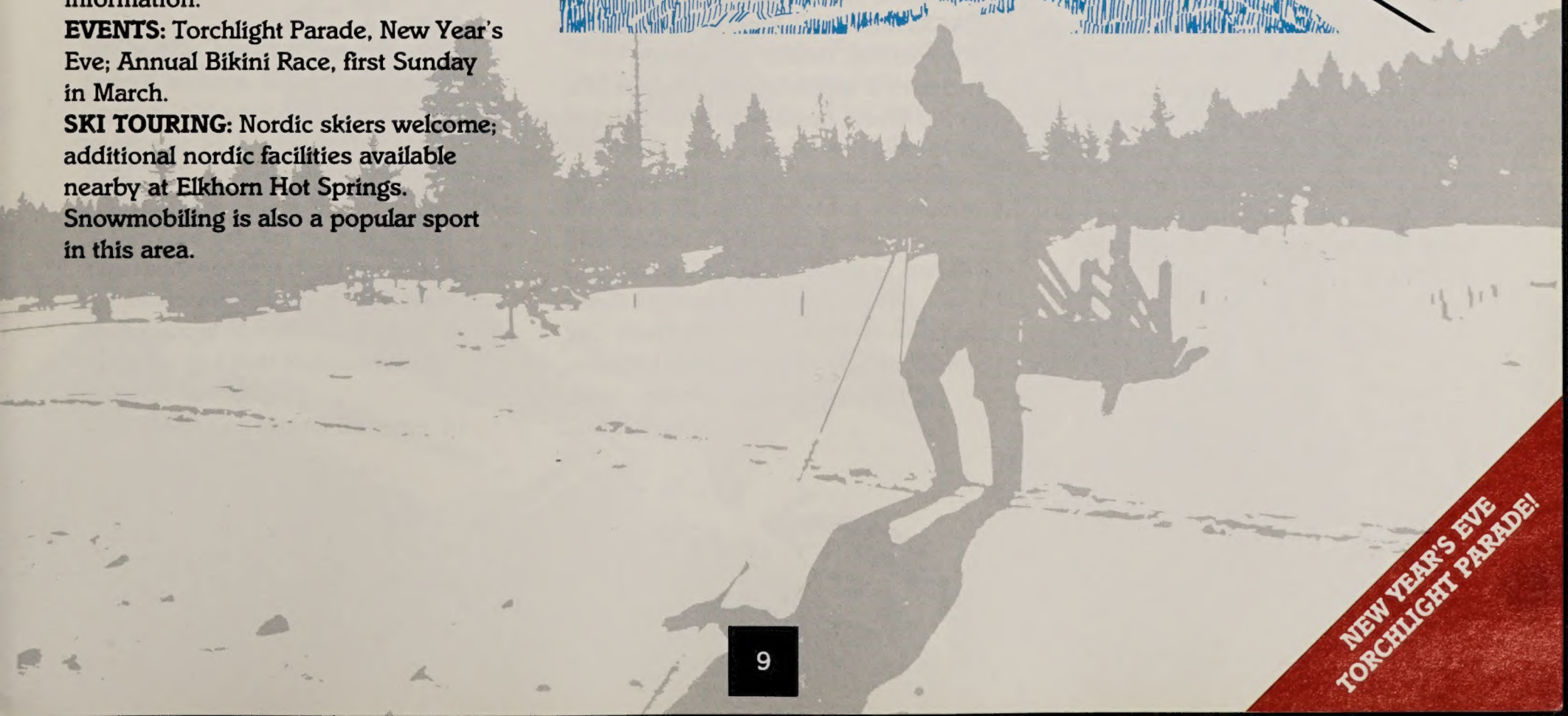
RENTALS: Ski rental shop available with package or separate rates. Complete line of accessories for sale.
FACILITIES: Day lodge on mountain with hot food and friendly atmosphere. Accommodations from $35-50/night with swimming, a jacuzzi and sauna are available at Lost Trail Resort just 6 miles north.
PACKAGES: Ski the Bitterroot Trail packages available (see page 25).
EVENTS: Pepsi Family Race Day, late March; Spring Steak Fry, late April.
SKI TOURING: Telemarkers welcome. Unlimited touring trails.

BEGINNER PACKAGES AT $20!

MAVERICK MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 38 miles northwest of Dillon on Hwy. 278 in southwestern Montana. Fly to Butte and travel to ski area by rental car or chartered bus service.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Maverick Mountain, 101 North Montana Street, Dillon, MT 59725. For lodging call (406) 683-4521 off-season; (406) 834-3454 in season between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. For snow conditions, dial either number.
SEASON: December 1 to Easter. Open Thursday through Sunday and holidays.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 140 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 7,500 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 9,220 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 1,720 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Maverick has seven trails covering 12 miles on the Beaverhead National Forest. 20% novice, 40% intermediate, 40% expert.

LONGEST RUN: 2.25 miles. **LIFTS:** One double chair; one pony lift. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 700 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day adult, $14; all-day junior, $12. Groups inquire about special rates. For groups of 100 or more the hill is available for private skiing Monday through Wednesday.
LESSONS: Maverick has a ski patrol and certified ski school with 14 instructors.
RENTALS: Quality rentals available.
FACILITIES: Newly remodeled lodge at the mountain with cafeteria and wine room. Hot springs, two restaurants, and lodging nearby.
PACKAGES: Group rates available for 25 or more. Please inquire for more information.
EVENTS: Torchlight Parade, New Year's Eve; Annual Bikini Race, first Sunday in March.
SKI TOURING: Nordic skiers welcome; additional nordic facilities available nearby at Elkhorn Hot Springs. Snowmobiling is also a popular sport in this area.



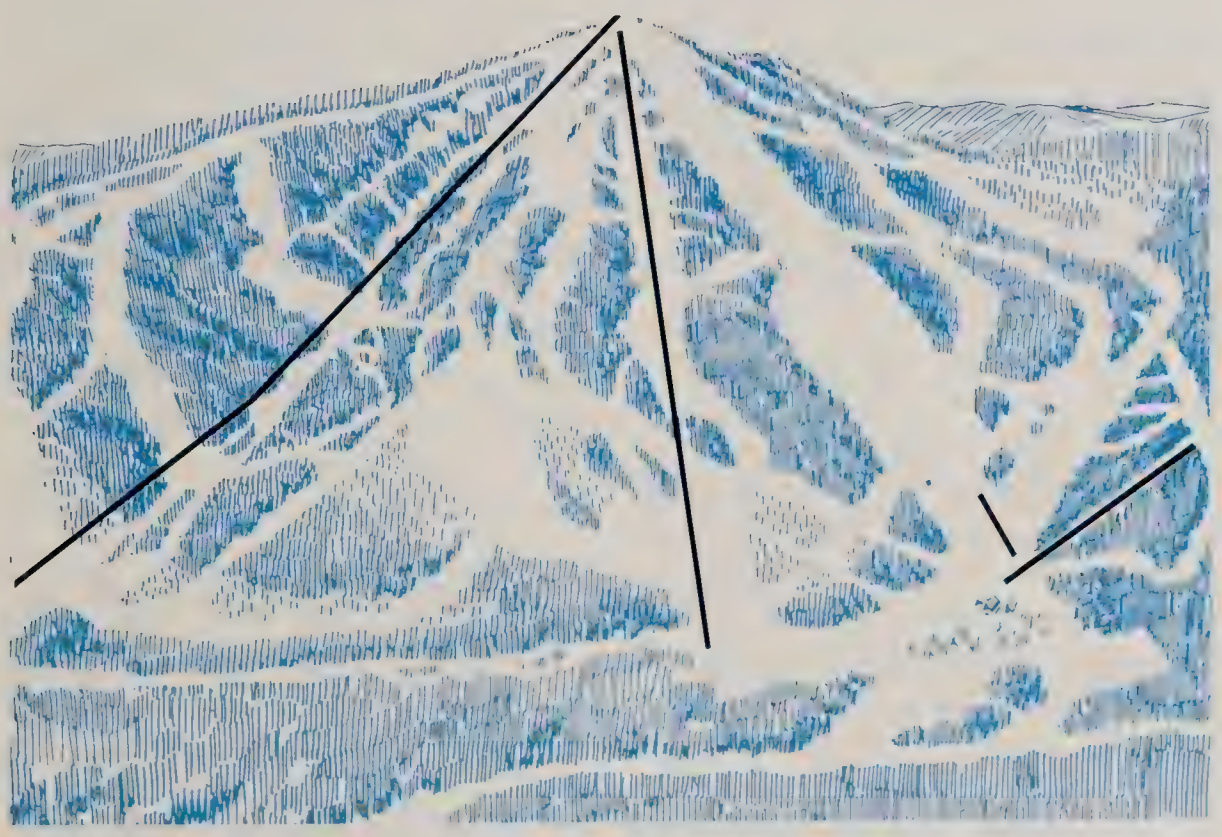
RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: U.S. 212, 60 miles south of Billings. Fly to Billings, Montana's largest city, and take a rental car to Red Lodge.
AREA INFORMATION: For information and snow conditions, write Red Lodge Mountain, Drawer R, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or call (406) 446-2610. For reservations and additional information, call toll free 1-800-227-5006 in Montana, or 1-800-468-8977 nationwide.
SEASON: November 22 through April 12. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 250 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 7,400 feet.
TOP ELEVATION: 9,416 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,016 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Red Lodge Mountain has 30 slopes, trails and open meadows on the Custer National Forest in Montana's fabled Beartooth Mountains. Trails cover 25 miles. 15% novice, 60% intermediate, 25% expert. **LONGEST RUN:** 2.5 miles. **LIFTS:** Four double chairs, one triple chair, one mitey-mite.
LIFT CAPACITY: 6,690 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day adult ski lift ticket is $16 on weekends and weekdays. Groups are invited to inquire about special rates. Credit cards accepted.
LESSONS: Red Lodge Mountain has a ski patrol and a certified ski school with 50 instructors. Rates:$11 for 1-hour group; $22 for 1-hour private; $26 for Adult Learner's Package (all-day lift, 1-hour lesson, complete rental package). Ski school day care for 3-6-year-olds, full day $22.50, half day $17.50.
RENTALS: Rates:$11.50/day, adults; $7.50/day, children under 12.
FACILITIES: Accommodations and restaurants run the full range at the foot of the mountain in the lively, western village of Red Lodge. Facilities at the mountain include the Willow Creek Saloon and Cafeteria at the base lodge; the Midway Chalet serving food, beer and wine; and a Summit House.
PACKAGES: 1) 2 Nights/3 Days: From $80/person, double occupancy. Includes 2 nights lodging, 3 days lifts. 2) Ski Week: January Special, $135 to $175; Regular Season, $154 to $240. Includes 6 nights lodging, 5 days lifts.
EVENTS: Winter Carnival, Feb. 28-March 1 (3 day package, $80; 5 day package, $175).
SKI TOURING: U.S. Forest Service trails at base of mountain on the West Fork. Nordic downhillers welcome on mountain.

2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS FROM $80!

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA

LOCATION: U.S. Highway 89, 8 miles south of Neihart and 60 miles southeast of Great Falls.

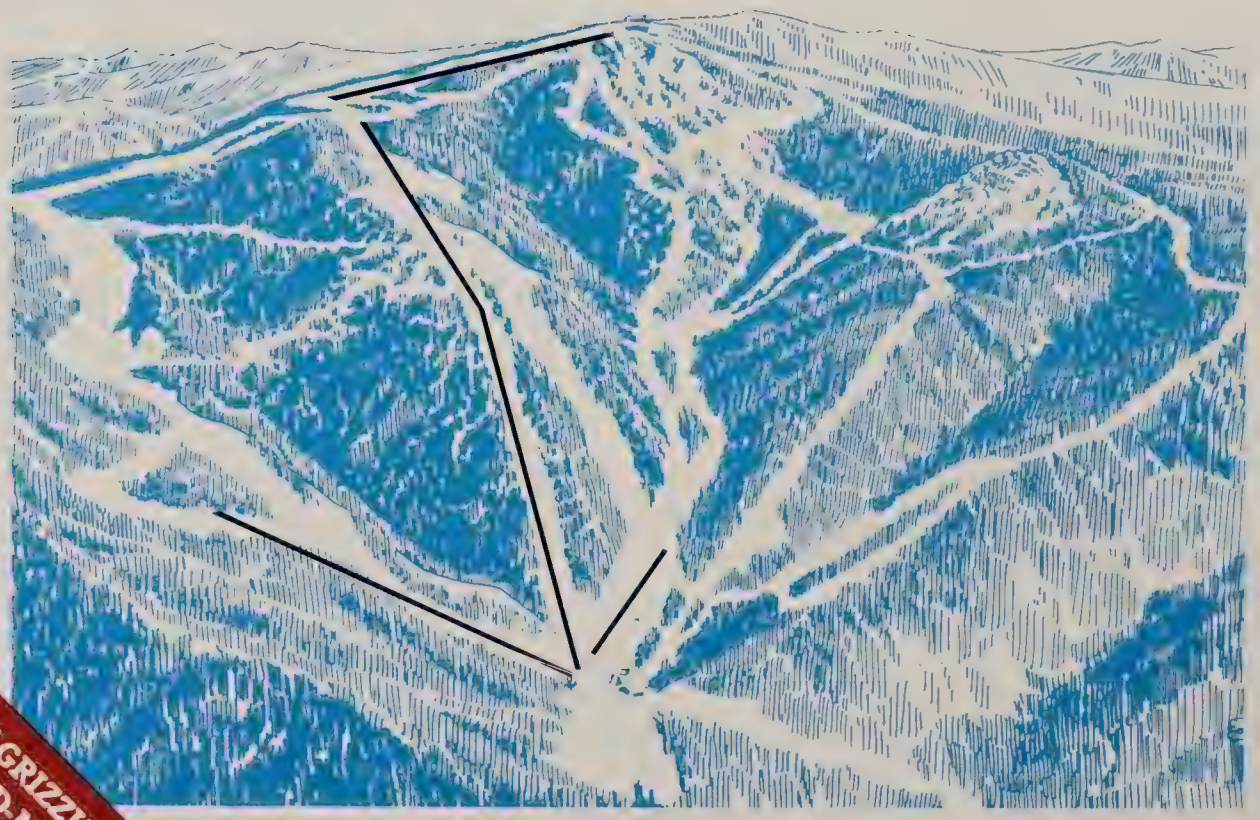


AREA INFORMATION: Write Showdown Ski Area, Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465. For information and snow report, call (406) 236-5522.
SEASON: Open Nov. 22 weekends only until Dec. 20, 1986. Then open daily through April 12, 1987.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,800 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 8,200 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 1,400 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 28 runs on forest-lined trails, open slopes and glades on the Lewis & Clark National Forest. 40% novice, 40% intermediate, 20% expert. **LONGEST RUN:** 2 miles. **LIFTS:** 1 triple chair, 1 double chair, 1 poma-lift, 1 rope tow. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 3,000 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day, all-area ski ticket is $15. Children 8 and under and senior citizens 70 and over ski free. Inquire about group rates. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

LESSONS: 2-hour group lessons, $10; private lessons, $20/hour. Complete Learn-to-Ski packages are available for as little as $17.
RENTALS: $12 per day.
FACILITIES: Full-service cafeteria, Hole in the Wall Saloon, ski repair and accessory shop and ski rental shop on the mountain. Certified ski school and professional ski patrol. Lodging is available in Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs.
LODGING: Call motels for rates. In White Sulphur Springs: Foxwood Inn, (406) 547-3918. In Great Falls: Sheraton Hotel, (406) 727-7200.
EVENTS: Coca-Cola Sport Skiing Slalom, every Saturday and Sunday; Montana Special Olympics, February; Firefighters Challenge, March; Corporate Cup, Skolf Tourney and Belt Creek Headwaters Relay, April.
SKI TOURING: Unlimited cross-country and ski touring trails available nearby, some groomed. Telemark skiing at Showdown.

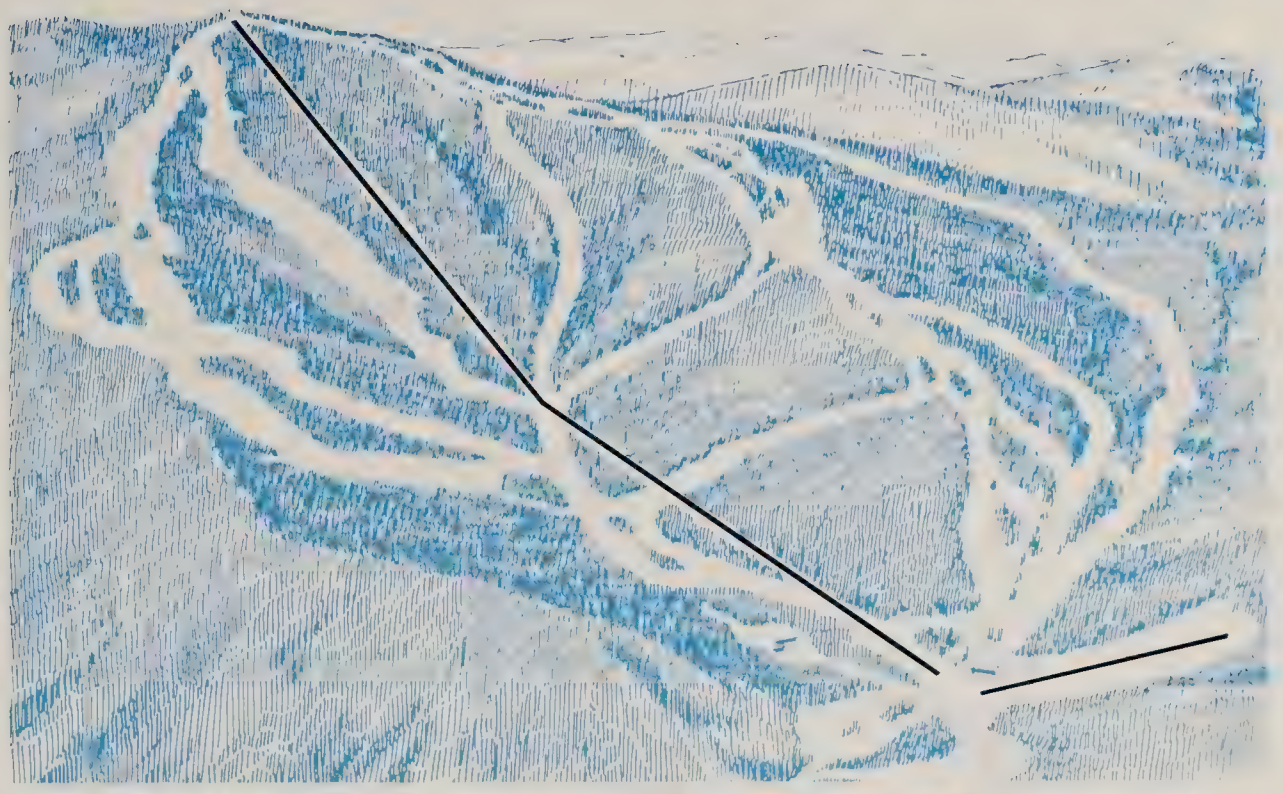
SNOW BOWL SKI AREA

LOCATION: 12 miles northwest of Missoula. Take Reserve Street exit off I-90, then north on Grant Creek Road for 4 miles, then right on Snow Bowl Road for 6 miles.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Montana Snow Bowl, 1700 Snow Bowl Road, Missoula, MT 59802, or call (406) 549-9777.
SEASON: Early December through mid-April. Open 6 days a week, Wednesday-Monday.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 5,000 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 7,600 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,600 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** More than 25 runs, trails and open bowls. Located in the Lolo National Forest adjoining the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area. 20% beginner and novice, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced and expert.
LONGEST RUN: 3 miles. **LIFTS:** 2 double chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 rope tow. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 2,600 per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** Weekends and holidays: $15/adult/day; $8/child/day. Weekdays: $13/adult/day; $8/child/day. Senior citizen, student and half-day rates available.
LESSONS: P.S.I.A. certified instructors. $12 for 2-hour adult group lesson; $18 for a 1-hour adult private lesson. Special package and children's rates available.
RENTALS: Complete package of alpine skiing equipment for $10/day. Separate rates available. Ski accessories for sale.
FACILITIES: Base day lodge with full-service cafeteria, Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain, Last Run Saloon, rental shop, ski school, Professional and National Ski Patrol. Lodging and restaurants available in Missoula.
PACKAGES: Available upon request. Ski the Bitterroot Trail packages available too (see page 25).
EVENTS: NASTAR Citizen Racing; holiday special events; spring fling with outdoor barbecue; The State Gelande Championship, March 7-8; U.S. Ski Association Hellgate Cup, February 21-22; Winter Star Jubilee, February 13-15.
SKI TOURING: Telemark skiers welcome.



NEW GRIZZLY CHALET AT MID-MOUNTAIN!

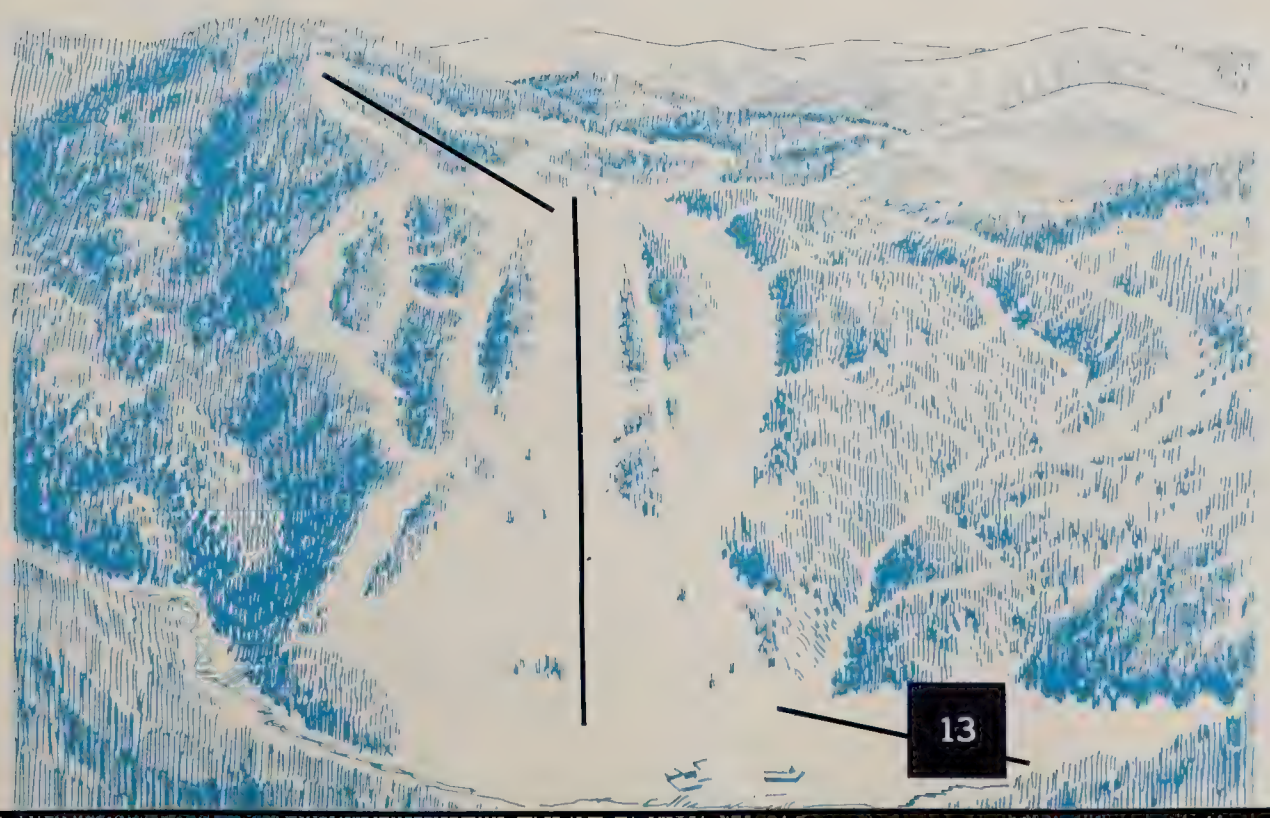
DISCOVERY SKI AREA



LOCATION: 20 miles west of Anaconda, 45 miles west of Butte on Highway 10A. Fly to Butte and take rental car to Discovery.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Discovery Ski Area, P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711, or call (406) 563-2184.
SEASON: Thanksgiving through Easter. Open seven days a week.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 200 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,850 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 8,150 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 1,300 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 35% novice, 50% intermediate, 15% advanced. 100 acres of slopes on Deerlodge National Forest. **LONGEST RUN:** 2 miles. **LIFTS:** 2 double chairs, 2 beginner lifts. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 2,400 skiers per hour. LIFT TICKETS: $13.50, adults; $6.50, 12 years and younger; group rates available. Credit cards accepted.
LESSONS: $18 all-day lessons, private lessons $20 per hour, special ski school for children 7 years and younger.
RENTALS: $10 per day, all sizes available.
FACILITIES: Day lodge and bar at area, lodging at Georgetown Lake Lodge 5 miles away, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 25 miles.
PACKAGES: Available upon request.
EVENTS: Fun races every Saturday.
SKI TOURING: Cross-country ski rental and instruction, several miles of groomed cross-country trails.

MARSHALL SKI AREA

LOCATION: 7 miles from the heart of Missoula, 4 miles east of I-90 on Highway 200 and 3 miles north on Marshall Canyon Road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 5250 Marshall Canyon Road, Missoula, MT 59802, or call (406) 258-6619.
SEASON: December through March. Open 6 days and 5 nights a week.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 150 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 3,900 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 5,400 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,500 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Marshall has seven runs covering five miles on the Lolo National Forest. 10% beginner, 74% intermediate, 16% advanced.
LONGEST RUN: 7,000 feet. **LIFTS:** 1 triple chair, 1 T-bar, 2 ropes. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 2,900 per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** Adult all-lift day, $12; student all-lift day, $10; all-lift night, $5.00-8.00.
LESSONS: $10 for 1½-hour group; $15 for 1-hour private.
RENTALS: Skis, $7.50; boots, $5; poles, $1.50; set, $10.
FACILITIES: Night skiing, ski school, ski patrol, snowmaking equipment, ski rental, snack bar, two day lodges, beer & wine bar. There is a full range of facilities and services in nearby Missoula.
PACKAGES: Ski the Bitterroot Trail packages available upon request (see p. 25).
EVENTS: USSA Don Squire Race, January 3-4; Coca-Cola Sport Skiing, Saturday and Sunday afternoons; Lite Beer Pro-Am, Wednesday nights; Coors/Trailhead Telemark Series, Tuesday nights; Winter Star Jubilee, Feb. 13-15.



BEEF TRAIL

LOCATION: Eight miles southwest of Butte.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 2900 Sheridan, Butte, MT 59701, or call (406) 494-7000 or 782-9265.
SEASON: Late November to April. Open weekends, holidays and Christmas through New Year's: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday nights: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,000 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 800 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Open runs for beginners and intermediates on machine-packed slopes.
LIFTS: T-bar and a rope tow. **LIFT TICKETS:** Adults: $8 days, $6 nights. Students: $6 days, $4 nights.
LESSONS: Four lessons $20, or $6 each.
RENTALS: Alpine, $10; Nordic, $8.
FACILITIES: Chalet with a snack bar; snowmaking equipment.
EVENTS: City Tournament, first weekend in February (2 days of racing events, unsanctioned).
SKI TOURING: Unlimited nordic skiing with some groomed trails.

DEEP CREEK

LOCATION: 43 miles southwest of Butte on Hwy. 274.
AREA INFORMATION: Write the area at Wise River, MT 59762, or call (406) 832-3313.
SEASON: Mid-December to April 1.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 50 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,080 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 837 feet. TRAILS & SLOPES: 5 miles, beginner to expert.
LIFTS: 1 T-Bar. **LIFT TICKETS:** $8.
LESSONS: By appointment.
FACILITIES: Snack bar.
SKI TOURING: Available, but no rentals.

SKI THE GREAT DIVIDE

LOCATION: 25 miles northwest of Helena on Hwy. 279, then 1.5 miles above the ghost town of Marysville on a well-plowed road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Ski the Great Divide, Box SKI, Marysville, MT 59640. Call (406) 449-3746.
SEASON: Mid-December through early April. Open Wed.-Fri. 10-5, Sat., Sun. and holidays 9-4.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 130 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 5,950 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,250 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Variety of slopes. 10 trails, two open bowls, in excess of 1 mile in length. 10% easiest, 50% more difficult, 40% most difficult.
LIFTS: 1 T-bar, 1 poma lift, 2 rope tows, 1 mitey-mite ski school lift. Chairlift No. 1 to open 2/87. **LIFT TICKETS:** All day $10 adult, $9 student (13-18), $7.50 child; half day $7.50 adult, $7.00 student, $6.50 child; beginner lifts $5 all day.
LESSONS: $8 for class lessons; $10/person/hour for private lessons.
RENTALS: Available in Helena; none at the area.
FACILITIES: Restaurant at base serving beer and wine; Summit House open all the time, serving food and beverages on weekends.
SKI TOURING: In the area, but no groomed trails or patrols.

TETON PASS

LOCATION: This friendly, family-oriented ski area is 32 miles northwest of Choteau, off Highways 89 and 287, with route clearly marked.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Box 727, Choteau, MT 59422, or call (406) 466-2672 or after October 1 call (406) 467-2789.
SEASON: Thanksgiving to Easter. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,000 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,200 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 6 beginner, 9 intermediate, all machine packed; 6 expert — 1 packed and 5 powder. In excess of 7-8 miles of trails.
LIFTS: Double chair, poma, mitey-mite.
LESSONS: Individual, group and GLM packages.
RENTALS: Rental, repair and sales shop.
FACILITIES: Day lodge with eating area and bar. Lodging available in Choteau or at the 7 Lazy P Dude Ranch, phone (406) 466-2044.
EVENTS: Winter Carnival, January; Fun Day, early April.
SKI TOURING: 15 miles of groomed trails. Volunteer ski patrol. Limited rentals. No sales of equipment.

WRAITH HILL

LOCATION: 12 miles west of Anaconda, off Hwy. 10A.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 1914 Haggin Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, or call (406) 563-3395 or 563-3483.
SEASON: Christmas through March.
BASE ELEVATION: Around 6,000 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Trails from beginner to expert.
LIFTS: One self-loading T-bar; one rope tow on beginner's slope.
FACILITIES: Snack bar.
SKI TOURING: Available from the area, but no groomed trails or rentals.

TURNER MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 22 miles north of Libby on Pipe Creek Road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Box 210, Libby, MT 59923, or call (406) 293-7531.
SEASON: December 1 - April 1, weekends, holidays and Christmas vacation. Hours 9:00-4:00.
BASE ELEVATION: 3,800 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,100 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: High intermediate and expert. Excellent powder area, with lots of glade skiing. One run is 5,600 feet long. Five additional runs.
LIFTS: One T-bar, 5,600 feet long.
LESSONS: Available.
FACILITIES: Snack bar. Lodging in nearby Libby.
EVENTS: Crazy Days, late March.
SKI TOURING: There are no groomed trails at Turner Mountain, but there is excellent touring around the area with rentals available in Libby.

Dates and rates subject to change. Please call the areas directly for up-to-date information.

WINTER IN MONTANA

We roll out the white carpet in Montana — all winter long. Under our Big Sky, you'll discover what a winter vacation can be, with just the right mix of spirited adventure and warm, western hospitality.

"Ski Montana" is a natural — whether you're here for downhill thrills at one of our big, full-service resorts, or the more relaxed charm and serenity of the "skinny skis" experience. Add the special thrills of snowmobile adventure, wildlife in pristine winter surroundings, and the breathtaking Rocky Mountain vistas in every direction — and you have a winter vacation made in Montana, made for you!

WINTER IN MONTANA

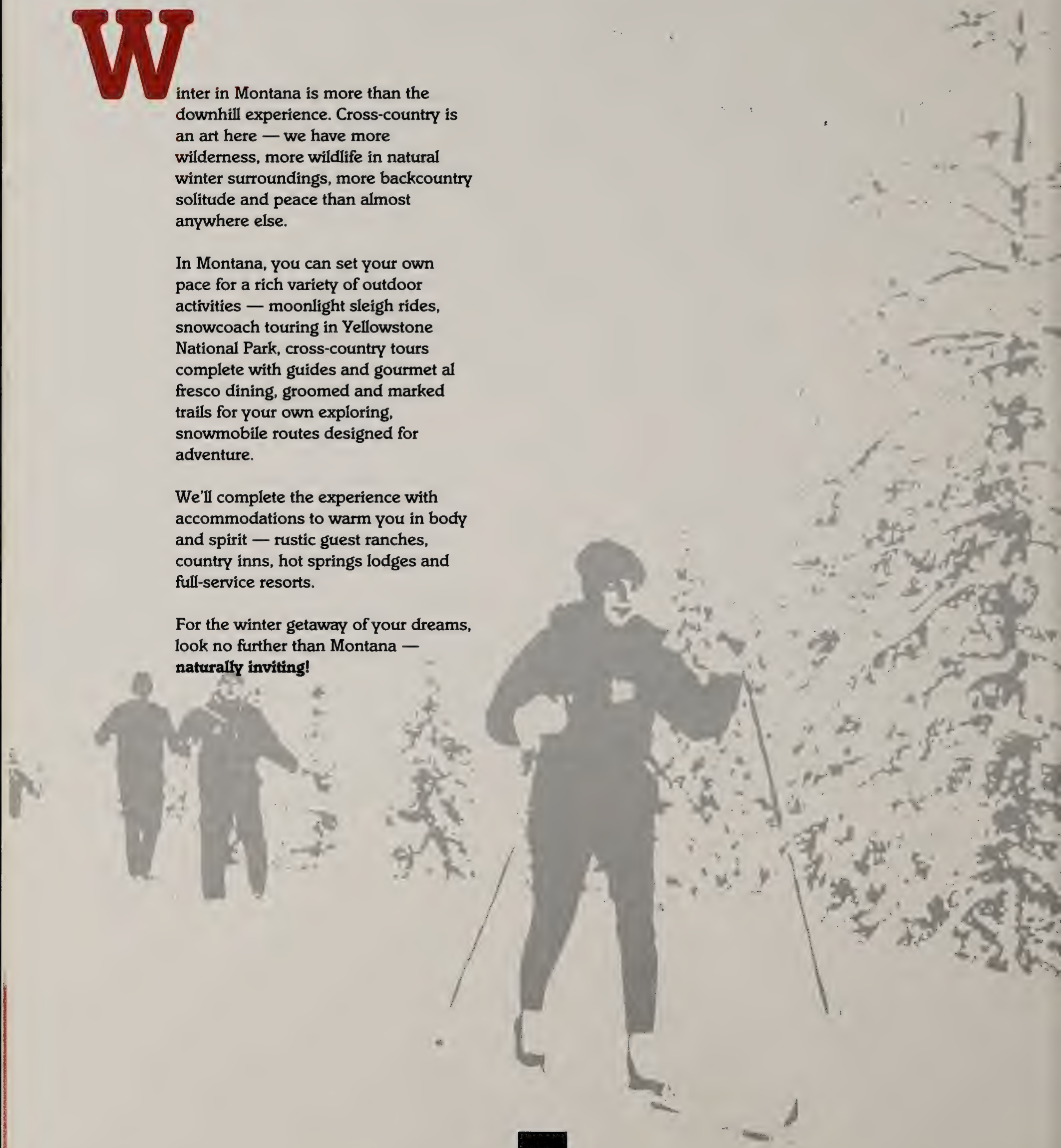
NORDIC SKIING

Winter in Montana is more than the downhill experience. Cross-country is an art here — we have more wilderness, more wildlife in natural winter surroundings, more backcountry solitude and peace than almost anywhere else.

In Montana, you can set your own pace for a rich variety of outdoor activities — moonlight sleigh rides, snowcoach touring in Yellowstone National Park, cross-country tours complete with guides and gourmet al fresco dining, groomed and marked trails for your own exploring, snowmobile routes designed for adventure.

We'll complete the experience with accommodations to warm you in body and spirit — rustic guest ranches, country inns, hot springs lodges and full-service resorts.

For the winter getaway of your dreams, look no further than Montana — **naturally inviting!**



HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

Located on Holland Lake in the spectacular Swan Valley between two wilderness areas, Holland Lake Lodge is 20 miles north of Seeley Lake just off Highway 83 in the Flathead National Forest. Phone (406) 754-2282 or write the Lodge at Condon, MT 59826 for reservations or information. Ski from mid-December to April on groomed and marked ski trails, clear-cuts for open skiing, or on packed snowmobile trails and loop roads. You will find some of Montana's finest skiing in the Swan Valley. Accommodations in the warm and friendly log lodge or in winterized cabins are available by reservation. Enjoy fine dining in the Lake Room and relax by the fire in the comfortable lounge with your favorite drink. Ski equipment rental is available and guided ski trips can be arranged. Fly to Missoula or Kalispell and rent a car. Holland Lake Lodge is located halfway between the two.

IZAAK WALTON INN

On U.S. 2 midway between East and West Glacier. Ask the Montana operator for Essex #1, or write Box 653, Essex, MT 59916. Ski from Thanksgiving to April on 30 km of machine set track and marked trails which originate from the Inn's front door ... or plan a "winter tour" of Glacier National Park. The ungroomed trails in and around the Park, the Flathead National Forest or the Great Bear Wilderness supplement the Inn's system of trails and provide an opportunity for a true wilderness experience. Wax and rentals are available. Lodge rooms are in a historic railroad inn, $35-45/double occupancy. Advance reservations are required. Special features include a homestyle menu in the "Dining Car," a relaxing drink in the "Whistle Stop Lounge," or a Finnish sauna. A fireside chat or friendly game of cards in the spacious lobby exemplifies the family atmosphere. Northwest, Frontier, Western, United and Continental serve Great Falls; Frontier, Western and Horizon serve Kalispell. Car rentals are available in these cities and the Inn. Amtrak flag stop outside the Inn's front door. For reservations contact Amtrak ticket office and ask for a stop at Essex (ESM).

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park, at Big Sky. Phone (406) 995-4644, or write Box 69, Big Sky, MT 59716. Reservations are mandatory. Ski from early December to mid-April on 45 miles of meticulously groomed, tilled, and double-tracked ski trails. There are ranch-style accommodations for 45 in individual log cabins with fireplaces and private baths, and informally served gourmet meals in the historic dining hall. Naturalist-guided ski tours are organized three times a week into Yellowstone National Park and the Spanish Peaks, and overnight trips into Yellowstone can be arranged. A one-week package (7 nights) including all meals, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation and all ranch activities is $598 per person, double occupancy. Also included is a horse-drawn sleigh ride to the North Fork cabin, where you will enjoy dinner prepared on an old-fashioned wood stove, and every Friday there is a spectacular on-the-snow gourmet lunch buffet. Evening entertainment, a bar, an outdoor, wood-fired hot tub, ski lessons, rentals and a complete nordic shop round out the full range of services offered. Northwest Orient, Frontier and Western serve Bozeman; from there, the ranch provides transportation. Lone Mountain celebrates Montana's winter season with five separate events: St. Nick's Nordic Festival, Dec. 7, a fun day with kids' games, relays, free nordic instruction and an open house; "The Viking's Revenge," mid-Jan., a junior Olympic qualifying race and a citizens Gold Cup race; the Mad Wolf Classic, in March, a telemark and track race; U.S. Biathlon Team training camp, Dec. 7-15; and the Al Goldstein Memorial Biathlon Race, Dec. 13-14.

MONTANA DOUBLE DIAMOND GUEST RANCH

Located in the Swan Valley 40 miles north of Clearwater Junction between the 40 and 41 mile markers on Highway 83. Turn at the sign and drive one mile. Phone (406) 754-2351 or write Box 501, Condon, MT 59826. Reservations required. Ski from December to April on 10K well-designed, groomed, marked trails, or unlimited U.S. Forest Service land, clearcut areas for open skiing, and many nearby areas for telemark skiing. Cabin accommodations and family-style dining, western bar, and log sauna, exercise room, swim/spa/hot tub. Ski rentals and bar are extra. Write or call for brochure, rates and reservations. Fly Frontier, Western or Horizon to Kalispell; or Northwest, Frontier or Western to Missoula. Rent a car or arrange with the ranch for pick-up service.

TOBACCO ROOT RANCH

Nestled at 6000 feet in Mill Creek Canyon overlooking the Ruby Valley, Tobacco Root Ranch Nordic Ski Center offers an unparalleled cross-country skiing experience. Cabin accommodations with full baths, fireplaces, and porches overlooking cascading Mill Creek or the Rocky Mountain countryside. 15 kilometers of groomed trails and 15 kilometers of marked ungroomed trails offer challenges for every level of skier. Guest package includes a guided optional overnight in one of our backcountry yurts (a 20-foot-diameter wood heated solid floor tent). Advanced beginners to experts will enjoy the easy half-day tour into the backcountry, a hearty meal, a comfortable night's stay in the yurt and then, the dramatic alpine ski tour the next day back to the trailhead. Guided ski tours are offered twice a week to alpine bowls, limitless telemark and powder skiing amidst 28 peaks over 10,000 feet. The ranch also offers an outdoor hot tub, ski lessons and a small nordic shop. Located 85 miles from Bozeman and 50 miles from Butte, Montana. Air service to Butte and Bozeman via Northwest, Western, Frontier and Big Sky airlines. Seven nights accommodations, all meals, one night yurt trip (optional), one guided ski tour, and airport transportation are included in the basic rate of approximately $490 per person, double occupancy. Contact Tobacco Root Ranch, Mill Creek Road, Sheridan, MT 59749 or call (406) 842-5655.

SUNDANCE LODGE

Four miles west of Highway 274 between Wise River and Wisdom, off Highway 43. Phone (406) 689-3611, or write the lodge at Wise River, MT 59762. Ski from Thanksgiving through March in the adjacent Pintler Mountains and on 255 acres at the ranch. Rooms in the lodge are $40 per day for two; cabins are $46 to $50 per day. Approximately 25 km of ski trails groomed and tracked daily. Others groomed occasionally. No fee for registered guests. Dining room, bar, spa, and ski rentals. Fly to Butte and rent a car or ask for airport pickup.

CHICO HOT SPRINGS RESORT

26 miles south of Livingston and 29 miles north of Yellowstone National Park on U.S. 89. Turn at Emigrant. Phone (406) 333-4933, or write Chico Hot Springs at Pray, MT 59065. Take an all-day nordic ski trip into Yellowstone, tour Emigrant Gulch, ski 15 miles of marked national forest trails or ski right around the resort, from December to mid-April. Chico is famous throughout the region for its dining room. After a day on the trail and a superlative dinner, enjoy the mineral hot springs — one open pool and one enclosed. Accommodations range from deluxe condominiums to rooms in the old inn, Continental style with the bathroom down the hall. Rates range from $120 per night for a condominium that sleeps 10, to $39 double occupancy, for a room in the inn with a private bath, to $31 double occupancy, for a room with a bath down the hall. Fly to Bozeman via Northwest Orient, Frontier or Western and rent a car or arrange for pickup by Chico.

ELKHORN HOT SPRINGS RESORT

About 26 miles from Dillon on Highway 278. Turn on the marked road, then 13 miles. Phone (406) 834-3434, or write Box 514, Polaris, MT 59746. Ski from Thanksgiving to the end of March on 40 km of groomed cross-country trails laid out on a marked cloverleaf, or to the top of Comet Mountain, or to the old Elkhorn Mine. For experts, there's an on-your-own mountaineering trip to a ghost town. Guided overnight nordic trips can be arranged, by reservation only. No fee for trails. No snowmobiling is permitted on cross-country trails, but you can snowmobile on about one hundred miles of groomed logging roads. Rates in the cabins (no water) are $16 per night for two. Restaurant, bar, Grecian sauna. Two outdoor hot mineral pools. Fly Western or Big Sky to Butte, and rent a car there.

LOST TRAIL HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Six miles north of Lost Trail Pass on U.S. 93. Phone (406) 821-3574 or write the Resort at Box 37, Sula, MT 59871. Ski from mid-December to the end of March on miles of groomed trails from the lodge on unlimited Forest Service land. Downhill skiing is available nearby at Lost Trail Powder Mountain. When the skiing is done, continue the fun by enjoying a relaxing swim in the outdoor pool, an indoor whirlpool spa or a soothing sauna. The restaurant overlooking the pool offers excellent dining, and drinks are served in the new cocktail lounge with lively entertainment amid pristine mountain settings. Accommodations include lodges for groups, cabins and deluxe motel rooms. Ask about group rates.

MOUNTAIN LODGE AT BIG SKY

Located 400 yards from the lifts at Big Sky of Montana, the Mountain Lodge offers economy lodging and value. Room rates can be as low as $26/person, including both lodging and a $22 all-facility lift ticket at Big Sky.

Mountain Lodge has replaced the frills with comfortable beds, copious quantities of hot water and a friendly, Montana atmosphere. The rooms are impeccably clean, with private bath, but no television or telephone. The family restaurant and pub on premises boasts "the best pizza in the Rocky Mountains!" Free shuttle service to and from the lifts. Miles and miles of cross-country skiing in the area. For more information contact The Mountain Lodge at Big Sky, P.O. Box 56, Big Sky, MT 59716, or call (406) 995-4560 or 1-800-831-3509.

TRIPLE CREEK GUEST RANCH

Scenically located at the base of Trapper Peak, 11 miles south of Darby, on the border of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Triple Creek offers a variety of winter activities. Nordic skiing available on miles of untracked powder through some of the most spectacular scenery Montana has to offer; fantastic alpine skiing at Lost Trail Powder Mountain just 25 miles away; snowmobiling on miles of unused logging roads that surround the ranch with directions and trail maps to hot springs and scenic overlooks in the vicinity, and winter horseback riding through national forests with unmatched views. At night, relax by a warm, crackling fire and enjoy delicious, homemade meals in the lodge. Rates are $100 per night in the condominiums which each sleep six, and include 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, and fully equipped kitchens. New cabins are $40 per night for 1 bedroom (2 double beds) and $50 per night for 2 bedrooms (4 double beds). Nordic rental equipment available. Group rates available. Conference facilities, restaurant, and bar. Contact Triple Creek Ranch, West Fork Stage Route, Darby, MT 59829, (406) 821-3921.

SKI THE BITTERROOT TRAIL

Experience the best of three Montana ski areas in one great package. Lost Trail Powder Mountain, Marshall and Snow Bowl, all within easy driving from Missoula, offer family fun on beginner to expert slopes. (See pages 8, 12 and 13 for additional information.)Pair our Rocky Mountain powder and groomed cruising runs with exciting night life in Missoula, brightest star in the Big Sky, or some of Montana's other friendly western towns. Packages range from 1-5 nights and offer lift tickets, lodging and rental car option. Write or call our outdoor adventure consultant: Cathy Ream, 4217 Timberlane, Missoula, MT 59801, (406) 728-1673.

YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best! **YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES** offers daily tours for the sightseer and skier aboard warm, comfortable 10-passenger snowcoaches. This little company offers that personalized touch so you get the most out of your trip into "nature's warm winter heart." Daily from West Yellowstone offering: scenic tours, guided ski tours, skier drop-offs, charters and out-of-the-park ski tours. Specializing in group and custom tours as well as families and individuals. Contact: Yellowstone Alpen Guides, P.O. Box 518M, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, (406) 646-9591.

YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS

For a unique adventure experience in Yellowstone National Park, contact **YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS**, P.O. Box 865, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, or call (406) 646-9333 after November 1. Tours into the park include private snowcoach transportation from West Yellowstone, with sleeping accommodations and dining in heated huts and tents, including guide services, all food, and sleeping bags. Once you're set up in the park, you can follow machine-set tracks or take off on your own to discover the wildlife and pristine beauty of Yellowstone. Groups of up to ten people can be accommodated for one-day to week-long outings. Call or write for brochures, rates, and more information.

YELLOWSTONE TOUR AND TRAVEL

To experience the solitude, the sheer magnificence of Yellowstone National Park in the winter, there's no better way than astride a snowmobile. For a variety of snowmobiling adventures in the Yellowstone area, contact **YELLOWSTONE TOUR AND TRAVEL**, P.O. Box 369, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 1-800-221-1151 (in Montana, 1-800-992-5316). Here you can rent snowmobiles and take off for Old Faithful, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, and other scenic areas in the park. Outside the park, 14,000 square miles of national forest area are available for both on and off-trail riding. Packages vary in length from four to seven days including accommodations, snowmobile use, guide service and snowmobile clothing. Day rentals of snowmobiles and clothing is also available. All machines feature handlebar warmers and luggage carriers. Packages for Yellowstone National Park riding are available from Decmber 18, 1986 through March 16, 1987; earlier and later dates may be arranged for other areas. Ask about our new cross-country ski packages.

ON YOUR OWN

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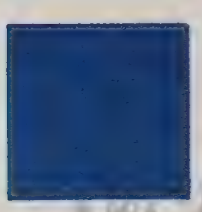

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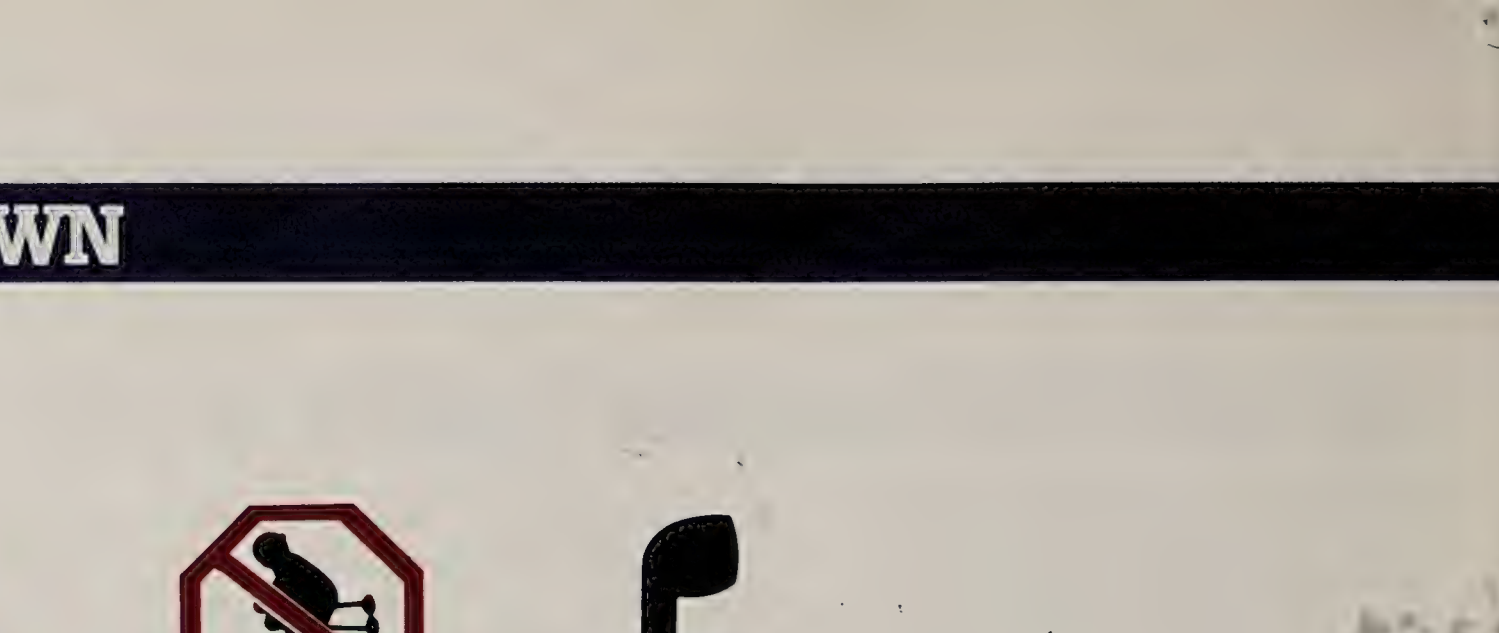

If you have sufficient skills to take to the hills in true ski touring style, Montana has some splendid offerings. Most U.S. Forest Service ski touring trails are only intermittently groomed and are rarely patrolled, so standard ski-touring practices are the rule: Travel in groups of not less than four, carry an extra ski tip, prepare for an unexpected night out and be alert to avalanche potential. Trail ratings are relative; weather and snow conditions may make any trail too difficult. Check with local ranger districts for current conditions. And learn the ski trail signs above.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

On the Montana-Canada border in northwestern Montana, with spectacular scenery, uncrowded country and varied terrain. Snowmobiles are prohibited and trails are quiet for watching wildlife. Best skiing is on the west side and off U.S. 2 on the south rim of the Park; east side skiing trails are often subject to strong winds and some are too long for day outings. None of Glacier's trails are maintained during the winter months and they can become difficult to ski under adverse weather conditions.

Some of the trails and much of the backcountry are subject to avalanche danger. During the winter months many of Glacier's roads are closed; these roads, including portions of Going-to-the-Sun Road and the Bowman Lake Road, are especially popular with skiers. For information, write the Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, or phone park headquarters at (406) 888-5441, Apgar Information Center (open weekends) at (406) 888-5512, or East Glacier at (406) 226-4473.

OTHER AREAS

In the **Beaverhead National Forest**, from Elkhorn Hot Springs, ski the Grasshopper Ridge Trail, 5.2 km of most difficult trail, and the Elkhorn Loop Trail, 17 km of easiest and more difficult trail. Both trails originate at Elkhorn Hot Springs and are intermittently groomed. In Mill Creek east of Sheridan, Tobacco Root Ranch, under permit from the Forest Service, grooms 15 km of trails and has marked, but does not groom, another 15 km. Of these, 18 are intermediate and 12 each are beginner and most difficult. Between Wise River and Wisdom, Sundance Lodge, under permit from the Forest Service, maintains 10 km of beginner to difficult trails. Four ungroomed trails originate on Chief Joseph Pass along Hwy. 43.

In the **Bitterroot National Forest**, a trail from the Lost Trail Powder Mountain Ski Area ending on U.S. 93 provides telemarking through the Saddle Mountain Burn later in the season.

In the **Deerlodge National Forest**, there are 36 km of trails in the Philipsburg-Georgetown Lake area. At Black Pine, an old mining town 5 miles NW of Philipsburg, ski 11.5 km of difficult trails. At Discovery Ski Area, there are 11.3 km of intermediate trails. At Georgetown Lake, ski the 6.5 km Lodge Pole Trail for intermediate skiers. At Homestake Pass along I-90, 18 miles west of Whitehall, ski 1.5 km of easy trails, 6.5 km of most difficult, not groomed.

In the **Flathead National Forest**, ski from the Izaak Walton Inn on the Essex Trail Complex for 22 km of easy trail, 6.6 km of more difficult and 5 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Ski Round Meadows, 15 miles NW of Whitefish, for 15.6 km of easy trail, 5 km of more difficult and 2 km of most difficult, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Cedar Lake Trail, 3.5 miles north of Columbia Falls, is 9 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed, dogs not allowed.

SKIER'S RESPONSIBILITY CODE

There are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

1. Ski under control and in such a manner that you can stop or avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing downhill or overtaking another skier, you must avoid the skier below you.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible to other skiers.
4. When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other skiers.
5. All skiers shall wear retention straps or other devices to help prevent runaway skis.
6. You shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and observe all posted signs.

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST.
BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS.

ON YOUR OWN

In the **Gallatin National Forest**, ski Stone Creek Trail, 11 miles NE of Bozeman, for 6 km of easy trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Bozeman Creek Loop, seven miles south of Bozeman at the forest boundary, is 14.5 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Rendezvous Trail, at the SW edge of West Yellowstone, is 9.1 km of easiest, 6.3 of more difficult and 7 km of most difficult trail, groomed weekly. This system consists of 5 trails, dogs and snowmobiles prohibited.

In the **Helena National Forest**, the MacDonald Pass Trail, 15 miles west of Helena, offers 3.6 km of easy, 2.8 km of more difficult and 5.2 km of most difficult trail, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles.

In the **Kootenai National Forest**, Old Sears Flat Trail, 6.1 miles west of Troy, is 3.5 km of easy trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles and dogs. Bear Creek Trail, five miles south of Libby, is 2.3 km of easy trail, 1.8 km of more difficult and 1.4 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed. The Ross Creek Trail, 17 miles south of Troy, has 8 km of easiest and 4.5 of most difficult trails, with motor vehicles prohibited after December 1.

In the Lewis & Clark National Forest, ski the Silver Crest Trail System, ranging easiest to most difficult, and totaling 8 km for all loops combined, groomed and tracked weekly, dogs prohibited. O'Brien Creek Trail, 7 mi. of most difficult terrain, begins at Kings Hill Pass SE of Great Falls and ends in Neihart, car shuttle required. Porphyry Peak/Ranch Creek Trail is 10 mi. of most difficult trails within the Little Belt Mountains, car shuttle required. Deadman Ridge Trail is 7 mi. of most difficult trail, not completely marked but offering telemark terrain, car shuttle required. Crystal Lake Trail offers 2.5 km of easiest terrain from Forest Road 275 in the Big Snowy Mountains.

In the **Lolo National Forest**, Pattee Canyon Complex 5.5 miles SE of Missoula has 1.5 km of easy trail, 2.8 km of more difficult and 5.7 km of most difficult, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiling. The Holloman/Plant Creek Loop Trail 13 miles SE of Missoula is 13 km of more difficult trail. West Fork Butte Lookout Trail, 12 mi. west of Lolo, leads to the West Fork Butte Lookout cabin. This 6.3 km trail is marked but not regularly groomed. Inquire at the Missoula Ranger District, 5115 Hwy. 935A, Missoula, MT 59801. Phone (406) 251-5237. The Seeley Creek Complex on the north edge of Seeley Lake has 4 km of easy trail, 27.4 km of more difficult and 3.2 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles and dogs.

In the **Lolo and Clearwater National Forests**, ski from Lolo Pass on five intermittently groomed trails covering 45 km for all ability levels. There are an additional 17 km of trails originating from Lolo Pass that are intermittently groomed. All of these nordic trails, along with snowshoe and snowmobile trails, comprise the **Lolo Pass Winter Sports Area**, SW of Missoula on U.S. 12 at the Montana-Idaho border. There are no services atop the pass, but food and lodging are just a few miles away. A Visitor Center at the pass is open from Friday Through Monday, 9 a.m to 4 p.m., November 15 through March. Idaho "Park & Ski" stickers are required to park in the lot at the top of the pass.

Write or call these USFS offices in Montana for more information: **Beaverhead National Forest**, 610 North Montana, Dillon, MT 59725. Phone (406) 683-3900. **Bitterroot National Forest**, 316 North Third, Hamilton, MT 59840. Phone (406) 363-3131. **Deerlodge National Forest**, Federal Building, P.O. Box 400, Butte, MT 59703. Phone (406) 496-3400. **Flathead National Forest**, 1935 3rd Avenue East, P.O. Box 147, Kalispell, MT 59901. Phone (406) 755-5401. **Gallatin National Forest**, Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59715. Phone (406) 587-6701. **Helena National Forest**, Federal Building, Helena, MT 59626. Phone (406) 449-5201. **Kootenai National Forest**, R.R. 3, Box 700, Libby, MT 59923. Phone (406) 293-6211. **Lewis & Clark National Forest**, 1601 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401. Phone (406) 727-0901. **Lolo National Forest**, Building 24, Ft. Missoula, MT 59801. Phone (406) 329-3750. For a complete listing of ski touring and snowmobile trails and recreational cabins and lookouts available for rent on National Forest lands in Montana, write Northern Region, USFS, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807, or call (406) 329-3511.

In the **Butte District** of the **Bureau of Land Management**, ski or snowmobile in and around Garnet Ghost Town, 40 mi. east of Missoula. Ski 1.6 km easy trails, 6.9 km more difficult trails with telemarking opportunities, all closed to snowmobiles and intermittently groomed. Also, the area offers 30 mi. of intermittently groomed snowmobile trails and 48 km of intermittently groomed multiple-use trails. Garnet Preservation Association rents rustic cabins in and around the ghost town, sleeping 4-8, fully equipped, from $15-32/group/night. For more information, contact Garnet Cabin Rentals, 606 North Ave. West, Missoula, MT 59801, or phone Katherine at (406) 549-8476. For more information about Garnet area trails, contact the Bureau of Land Management, Box 3388, Butte, MT 59702, phone (406) 494-5059.

For ski conditions and area information call toll free **1-800-548-3390**
In Montana call (406) 444-2654

Getting to Montana is easy. Interstate and state highways are kept in good condition during the winter. Bus companies and car rentals exist in quantity and major airlines serve major cities and towns, with smaller towns making good connections.

Highways are plowed and sanded when necessary during the winter. Motorists can get weather information and up-to-the-minute road condition reports on all radio stations every morning, with current information broadcast frequently throughout the day. In the state, phone toll free 1-800-332-6171 for the latest road conditions; out-of-state phone (406) 444-6339. Latest road conditions for roads within about a 100-mile radius of each of the following cities can be obtained by phoning (406) 252-2806 for Billings; (406) 586-1313 for Bozeman; (406) 494-3666 for Butte; (406) 453-2231 for Great Falls; (406) 444-6354 for Helena; (406) 755-4949 for Kalispell and (406) 728-8553 for Missoula.

AMTRAK parallels U.S. 2 through northern Montana, with daily stops at Libby, West Glacier, Whitefish, Glacier Park and points east. Call AMTRAK at 1-800-872-7245 for additional information.

Big Sky Airlines (Northwest Airlink) provides good connections throughout Montana, and from North Dakota, Wyoming and Washington. The following airlines serve Montana cities with regularly scheduled flights:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
DECEMBER		
7	St. Nick's Nordic Festival	Lone Mountain Ranch
7-15	U.S. Biathlon Team training camp	Lone Mountain Ranch
13-14	Al Goldstein Memorial Biathlon Race	Lone Mountain Ranch
26	Torchlight Parade and Fireworks	Bridger Bowl
31	New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade	Maverick Mountain
JANUARY		
3-4	U.S. Ski Association Don Squire Race	Marshall Ski Area
16	Bridger Bowl Birthday Party	Bridger Bowl
16-18	Western Winter Carnival	Big Sky of Montana
mid-month	The Viking's Revenge	Lone Mountain Ranch
FEBRUARY		
6-8	Whitefish Winter Carnival	The Big Mountain
13-15	Winter Star Jubilee	Snow Bowl/Marshall
21	Montana Media Race	Bridger Bowl
21-22	U.S. Ski Association Hellgate Cup	Snow Bowl
22	Figure 8 Contest	Bridger Bowl
28-March 1	Winter Carnival	Red Lodge
	Montana Special Olympics	Showdown

CARNIVALS/RACES/EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
MARCH		
1	Annual Bikini Race	Maverick Mountain
7	Yellowstone Rendezvous (XC Ski Race)	West Yellowstone
7-8	State Gelande Championship	Snow Bowl
13-15	Yahoo Snowmobile Festival	West Yellowstone
14-15	Spring Fling	Bridger Bowl
20-22	Doug Betters Winter Classic	The Big Mountain
late	Pepsi Family Race Day	Lost Trail
	Mad Wolf Classic	Lone Mountain Ranch
	Firefighters Challenge	Showdown
APRIL		
5	Pole, Pad & Pedal Race	Bridger Bowl
7-11	North American Ski/Yachting Championship	The Big Mountain
10-12	Oly Days Spring Carnival	Big Sky of Montana
late	Spring Steak Fry	Lost Trail
	Corporate Cup, Skolf Tourney and Belt Creek Headwaters Relay	Showdown

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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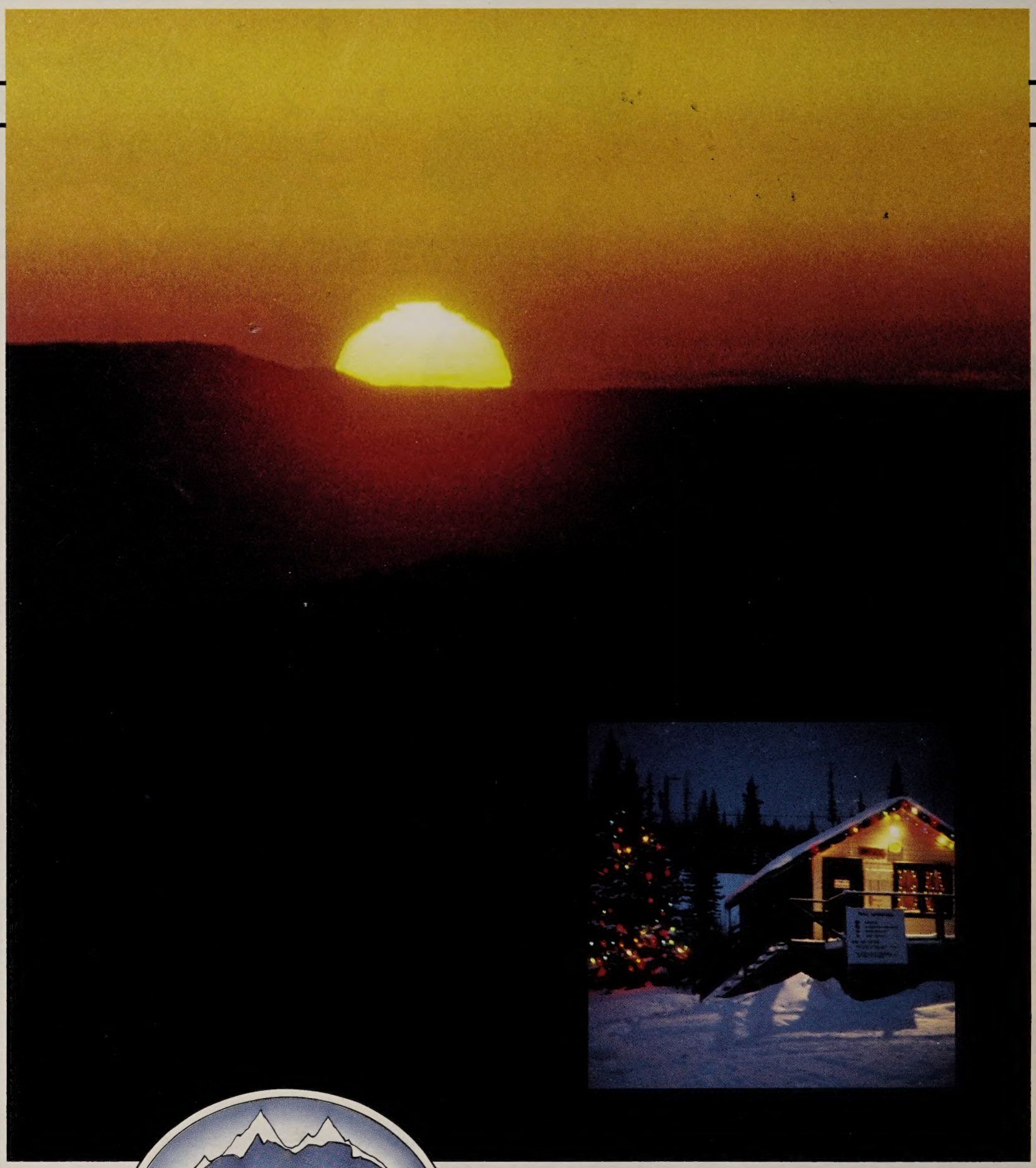

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